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## Bolivia rallies for 1-1 draw with Brazil

Darwin Rios' second-half equalizer gave Bolivia a 1-1 draw with Brazil on Sunday in qualifying for the South American Under-20 World Cup, giving his team a flicker of hope of reaching the second round. Rios struck in the 77th minute after Henrique had scored in the 41st for Brazil, which has seven points from three matches in Group B and is safely into the second round. Bolivia has only one point from two matches. Brazil could have led by several goals at halftime, but the team was stopped by key saves from goalkeeper Luis Cárdenas. Brazil also hit the post at least twice in the first half.

Bolivia was stronger in the second half. Rios scored after a defensive error in midfield, taking possession and slotting the ball home from a counterattack started by 'keeper Gabriel. The top four advance to the World Cup later this year in Colombia, and the top two qualify for the 2012 London Olympics.

In Group A, Argentina also has seven points from three matches and is sharing top billing in the tournament with Brazil.

Ecuador is scheduled to face Paraguay in a late match in Group B.



## USA-Chile draw 1-1 in friendly

Teal Bunbury converted a 75th minute penalty to give the United States a 1-1 draw against Chile as both teams fielded young lineups in Saturday's friendly.

Esteban Paredes, the only player on either squad to play at last year's World Cup, put Chile ahead in the 53rd minute with a 7-yard volley inside a post, off a cross from Felipe Seymour after defender Marvell Wynne overcommitted.

The American equalizer came when Juan Agudelo was tripped by Sebastian Toro when on a run into the penalty area, and Bunbury - whose father Alex was a Canada international - converted.

The match may have been the finale for popular Chile coach Marcelo Bielsa, who said in November he was resigning.

There is hope in Chile he may reconsider because Sergio Jadue took over as federation president instead of Jorge Segovia.

"This subject is tiresome," said Bielsa, who added he will address the situation next week in Chile.

When asked whether he had the support of Chile's players, media and fans, Bielsa replied humorously.

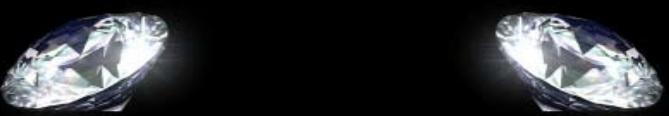
"What would you think if I told you this?" Bielsa said. "Imagine if I said, 'What's happening to me has never happened before in the world, despite my being Argentine?'"

Agudelo and Bunbury, a pair of players who made their Major League Soccer debuts last season, both entered in the 60th minute. "They both gave us a good effort," U.S. coach Bob Bradley said. "They seemed to be into the idea that when they came onto the field, they needed to make a difference."

Because it was not a FIFA international fixture date, both teams went with youth and did not bring in established players from Europe. The U.S. will use veterans for its next three matches: away to Egypt on Feb. 9, against Argentina on March 26 at East Rutherford, New Jersey, and versus Paraguay three days later at Nashville, Tennessee.

As the U.S. prepares for the CONCACAF Gold Cup in June, Agudelo and Bunbury are trying to earn squad spots alongside first-choice striker Jozy Altidore.

"I feel really comfortable playing up top with him," Bunbury said of Agudelo. "I feel like our chemistry is really growing."



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## Valdano denies rift with Mourinho

Real Madrid director general Jorge Valdano has dismissed reports claiming his relationship with coach Jose Mourinho had broken down. It was the second time in less than a month Real had to deny reports about a rift involving the pair.

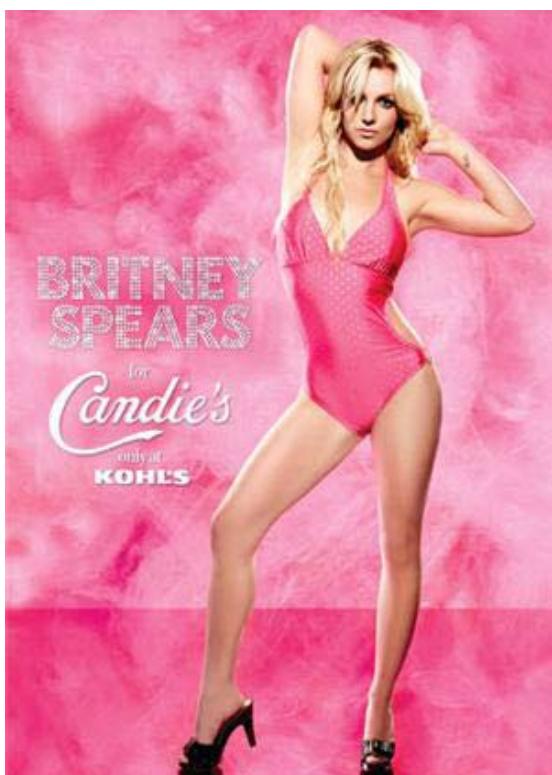
"There are no problems between Mourinho and I," former Argentine international Valdano said when asked about reports on Wednesday that Mourinho was unhappy and thinking of leaving at the end of the season.

"He is our coach, the man who must lead us to triumph, and the team is proving to be very competitive under him." Valdano acts as president Florentino Perez's right-hand man while the controversial Mourinho prefers complete autonomy. The Portuguese told a news conference last month he had no personal problems with anyone at the club after complaining Real officials were not doing enough to support his criticism of referees he believed favoured opposing teams.

"I can deny the personal relationship (with Valdano) is bad," the former Inter coach said at the time. Asked about his relationship with Valdano after Real knocked city rivals Atletico out of the King's Cup and booked a place in the last four on Thursday, Mourinho replied: "No comment."

He added that he intended to stay until the end of the season and beyond "as long as everyone is happy". "The world is full of rumours, but they're not all true," he said after Real Madrid's 1-0 Copa del Rey win over Atlético Madrid. "Regarding my future, we'll see what happens at the end of the season. Contracts aren't the most important thing in football. If all the parties are happy at the end of a campaign, they remain together. If they aren't, they don't."

Mourinho, who joined Real on a four-year contract at the end of last season, has also expressed frustration at the club's failure to sign a replacement for injured striker Gonzalo Higuain who will be out for four months due to back surgery.



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## New York Cosmos appoint Cantona

Eric Cantona has been appointed director of soccer at United States club New York Cosmos. "It's a wonderful project. It's kind of a mix between football and art," said the former Manchester United legend, who retired in 1997. The Cosmos were relaunched in August by former Tottenham director Paul Kelmsey.

Cantona's new club have neither a team nor a stadium yet, but hope to play in various tournaments and exhibitions.

In a statement confirming his appointment, the Cosmos said the Frenchman will provide "innovative leadership" and "cutting-edge creativity" as they attempt to attract and develop players. The Cosmos are very strong, beautifully made, with a great past," added Cantona.

"I will do everything that I can to help us first find our way to regain the number one position in the United States, and then for us to become one of the best clubs in the world over the coming years."

Former USA international, Cobi Jones, will work alongside Cantona as associate director of soccer.

Cantona announced his retirement 14 years ago at the age of 30, after winning five titles in six years with Manchester United and Leeds United.

Since leaving professional football he has concentrated on his acting career, appearing in Elizabeth alongside Cate Blanchett in 1998 before being directed by Ken Loach in the 2009 film Looking for Eric.

# Pele has joined the call for Tottenham Hotspur

The Brazilian great has written to the Olympic Park Legacy Company pledging support for Spurs' bid to take control of the Stratford site once it has hosted the Games.

Tottenham and West Ham United are both fighting to take control of the site with the Olympic Park Legacy Company receiving final submissions from both bidding parties on Friday ahead of a decision next week. But Pele has given Spurs' bid a shot in the arm, telling Olympics organisers he supports the club's aim to create a dedicated football ground which would provide "a great stadium".

He adds: "I really don't understand wanting to play with a track around the pitch. The players won't like it and it probably won't last."

"As a player you need to feel the passion and the intensity of the fans. The best stadiums connect the fans to the pitch and if you lose that, you lose something that really matters - and eventually you lose the fans."

"The Olympics is special too and it would be good to see a decision taken which means that we see excitement and great sport experiences follow it too." But Redknapp is adamant that West Ham should not move into the stadium with a running track.

"We keep hearing about the Olympic legacy and the need to have a world-class athletics stadium after the 2012 Games in London," he said in his Sun column.

"But my big fear is that if West Ham move into the stadium in Stratford with a whacking great running track around the pitch, the only legacy for them will be a nightmare. "It's incredible that the club is even considering taking over the Olympic Stadium and keeping the 400m track intact, putting up an invisible yet insurmountable barrier between the fans and the football."

"Tottenham, my club, also have ambitions to move there because if Spurs want to progress they need a bigger ground - but they have a vastly different outlook on the project."

"I'm not just banging the company drum for Tottenham here. Even if Spurs do win the race against West Ham to make it their new home, by the time all the development is finished I might not be at the club anyway."

"It's just that in my heart I dread to think what could eventually happen to West Ham if they moved to the main Olympic Stadium and do not heed the warnings." There are those who disagree with Redknapp, including the head of world athletics, Lamine Diack - who insists London must keep the Olympic running track.

"To now demolish the Olympic stadium, throwing away the original £500million investment of public money, seems to me an outrageous proposition, especially in the present world economic climate," said Diack.

But Tottenham director Sir Keith Mills, who is also deputy chairman of LOCOG - London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games - insists Tottenham's plans could work. "Lamine Diack quite rightly wants to see the Olympic legacy left in London and both of the bids on the table provide an athletics legacy," he said.

## Zidane now suing people who insult him

As Marco Materazzi learned in the 2006 World Cup final, Zidane does not take insults lightly. But now, instead of punishing his antagonist with a headbutt, Zidane is taking his grievance to the courts. You can decide for yourself if this is a more appropriate response or not.

This latest incident, however, is not about what was said to Zidane in person, but what a French comedian said about him and his paid involvement in Qatar's successful 2022 World Cup bid in a magazine interview.

Lawyer Alberto Brusso said he was suing comedian Christophe Aleveque and the magazine Sportmag over harsh words he used to describe Zidane in an interview published last month.

In the interview, Aleveque attacks Zidane for acting as official ambassador to Qatar's candidacy for the World Cup in 2022, which the tiny oil-rich state won over a slew of other nations including the United States.

"Mister Zinedine Zidane considers that these remarks are harmful to his honour, his dignity, his integrity, his reputation as a man and a public person as well as that of his family," lawyer Brusso said in a statement.

So what did Aleveque say about him?

"To me it is a form of prostitution. This guy is a whore! Write it! I swear, what he does, it is always based on his navel. It's disgusting. I hope that the 11 million he took, he gave it to an association, if it is a scandal. This is not his first mistake, he made more. Ambassador of Danone...let him die in yogurt!" he exclaims.

Well, no one likes being called a whore, but the fact that Aleveque is a comedian by trade and his rant ended by requesting that a representative of a French food corporation kill him with yogurt shows that he wasn't entirely serious. Instead of lawsuits, I say these two settle the matter with a yogurt fight. To the death.

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simply stated it has been an afternoon full of excellent bullfighting, mastery valor, and limitless emotions. The bulls were brave, had quality and presence. It was full of ecstasy and happiness, which managed to obscure the frigid afternoon. The bullring was half full, present were six bulls from Rancho Seco. The ones for rejón were excellent and those set aside for the matadors on foot were very good on a whole.

Diego Ventura managed to excellent performances on horseback, it was a shame he failed to kill properly. He offered a gift bull from Garfias it was lamentable that the results were the same. El Zapata received applause and two ears. Jose Mauricio left everyone wondering what happened.

### **Four corridas in the Coliseo Centenario, Torreon's Temporada Internacional /Horacio Soto Castro**

The selection of matadors and ganaderías for the International Temporada which will take place in the Coliseo Centenario of Torreón. There are four corridas which are programmed for the months of January, February and March.

For the corridas celebrating, the anniversary the cartel has Julián López El Juli wth Fernando Ochoa and Octavio García "El Payo" with bulls from Armillita Hermanos.

### **In the last corrida of the Festival David Mora, indulto a bull in Tuta/MUNDOTORO**

Spanish matador David Mora closed with success his campaign in Columbian Bullrings. He fought a bull from the ganadería de Santiago Pimentel which was worthy of an indulto. The torero from Madrid gave a fantastic performance with "Gitano" the last bull of the afternoon. He left the arena on the shoulders of fans accompanied by the Columbian Matador Manuel Librado who cut three ears.



**The father of José Tomás states: If he returns it will be in the middle of the season" / MUNDOTORO**

His recuperation is very slow, if he returns to the ring it will be during the middle of the season. These are the words of Don José Tomás Román, father of matador José Tomás.

### **Bogotá Ears for Manrique y Ramsés with a great encierro from Mondoñedo/APLAUSOS**

Pepe Manrique and Ramsés have cut two ears in the first corrida in the Plaza Santamaría where they fought bulls from Mondoñedo. Three of the bulls were given ovations and arrastre Lento.



### **Medellín: Víctor Puerto for Manzanares**

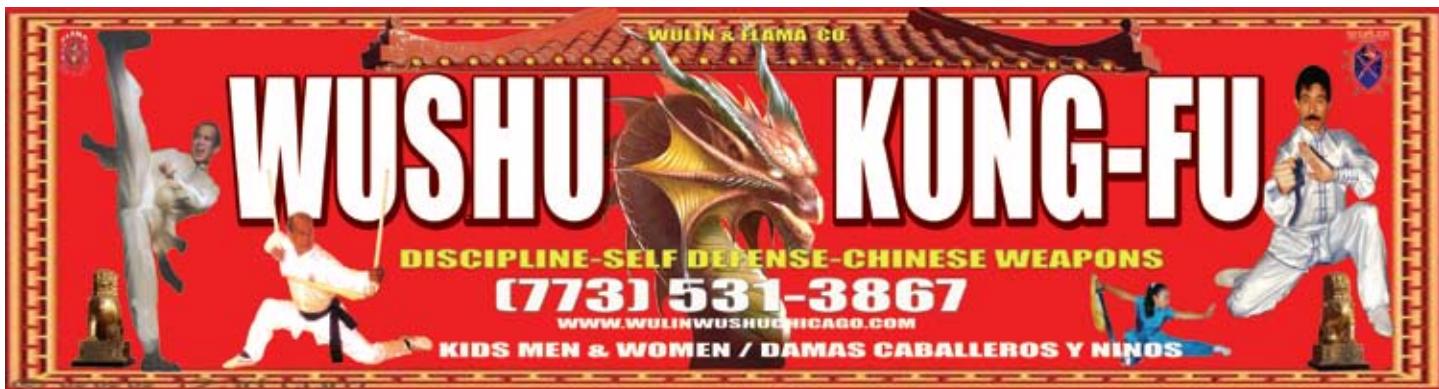
For the first corrida of the Columbian Capital, we have a cartel with all Columbians. Pepe Manrique greeted his bull with superb veronicas and performed brilliantly with the muleta over the right horn of his enemy. His bad use of the sword resulted in no awards. On his second bull, he was once again very good and this time killed effectively.

### **Everything is ready the horses of Pablo Hermoso de Mendoza leave for America/APLAUSOS**

Today the horses of Pablo leave for Colombia. The rejoneador from Navarro will leave before the 18th for his campaign in America, which will run from January to April. The campaign begins in Bogotá on January 23rd. February 1st he will arrive in his ranch in San Miguel de Allende which he uses as general quarters for the short season which will comprise of thirty dates. One of the highlights will be his date in Plaza Mexico on February 20th. In April, he will do a series of performances in the United States.

### **Paquirri, Talavante and Luque, are on the cartel of the Picassiana' de Málaga 19/01/2011**

The corrida 'picassiana' of Málaga now has a cartel comprised of Francisco Rivera Ordóñez Paquirri, Alejandro Talavante y Daniel Luque the will dress in the tradition of Picasso in order to continue the tradition and fight an encierro from the ganadería Lagunajanda.



## Galaxy sign Juan Pablo Angel

The Los Angeles Galaxy have signed Colombian forward Juan Pablo Angel to a multiyear contract. Angel had spent the previous four seasons with the New York Red Bulls.

The club's all-time leading scorer with 61 goals in all competitions, Angel set a Red Bull record in his first season by scoring 19 goals in 24 games in 2007.

Angel helped lead the Red Bulls to the MLS Cup a year later for the first time in club history, scoring a team-best 14 goals. He had two more in the postseason.

He was named to his third All-Star team in 2010, as he scored 13 goals.



## Union agrees with GK Faryd Mondragon

Goalkeeper Faryd Mondragon, the 39-year-old former starter for Colombia's national team, has agreed to a contract with Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union along with Colombian defender Carlos Valdes.

Mondragon terminated his contract last month with Cologne in Germany's Bundesliga. The 25-year-old Valdes is transferring from Colombia's Independiente Santa Fe.

A member of Colombia's 1992 Olympics team and 1998 World Cup team, Mondragon has made 50 international appearances, the last in October during a 0-0 tie against the U.S. at Chester. Among his past teams are Deportivo Cali, Argentina's Atletico Independiente, Spain's Real Zaragoza, France's Metz and Turkey's Galatasaray.

Valdes has made four appearances for his national team. He also has played for America of Cali.

## IAAF president: Don't tear down stadium

IAAF president Lamine Diack on Thursday issued his strongest criticism yet about a proposal to tear down London's Olympic Stadium after the 2012 Summer Games and replace it with a soccer venue with no running track, calling it "outrageous." Premier League clubs Tottenham and West Ham are bidding to use the stadium site after the Olympics, but only West Ham would keep the track used for athletics. Tottenham wants to level the stadium and build a new soccer-specific venue.

The teams' proposals were put in doubt Thursday when the Olympic Park Legacy Company told The Associated Press it could still go ahead with its original plan to downsize the stadium to a 25,000-seat athletics venue if neither bid was deemed "viable." Diack then reiterated his criticism of the plans and urged London organizers to stick to their original promise. "To now demolish the Olympic stadium, throwing away the original 500 million-pound investment of public money, seems to me an outrageous proposition, especially in the present world economic climate," Diack said in a statement. "Instead, let us keep London's promise alive and leave an athletics legacy at the venue with a top football club as a valued partner." Both Tottenham and West Ham must submit their final plans for the stadium to the Olympic Park Legacy Company on Friday. West Ham's plan involves rebuilding the stadium and reducing seating from 80,000 to 60,000, while keeping the running track.

If the OPLC board rejects the soccer team bids, it would have to reopen the search for a tenant. The 25,000-seat design is the only option that already has planning permission. Diack said the pledge to maintain the \$853 million stadium, which is still being constructed, as an athletics venue was part of the reason London was awarded the Games. "This promise was not a footnote of London's bid -- it was a core policy of their presentation to convince the Olympic family of their exciting, viable legacy plans," he said. "There is no doubt that this commitment played its part in the UK winning the right to host the 2012 Games." Tottenham's plans have angered both its own supporters, who are unhappy that the club would be moving from north to east London, and track stars, including Olympic champion Usain Bolt.

West Ham, meanwhile, is currently at the bottom of the Premier League and facing a costly relegation to the League Championship.

Former British Olympic Association chief executive Simon Clegg has said the stadium is unsuitable for both athletics and soccer. Tottenham has produced documents showing that having a running track around the field would hamper fans' ability to see action during soccer matches, while raising questions about West Ham's ability to fill a 60,000-seat stadium if the team is relegated. Under the original 25,000-seat design, the stadium couldn't host a world athletics championships, but the flexible design would allow the capacity could be temporarily increased.

The initial plan was for the stadium to also house a secondary school for about 500 students, the National Skills Academy for sports and leisure industries and the English Institute of Sport.





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## U.S. women fall to Sweden in China

The U.S. women's team began World Cup preparations by losing a match in which it led for the first time in more than eight years.

Carli Lloyd's goal off an 11th-minute corner kick was offset when Stina Segerstrom scored in the 16th and Kosovare Asllani in the 60th to give Sweden a 2-1 victory over the Americans on Friday in the opening game of the Four Nations Tournament.

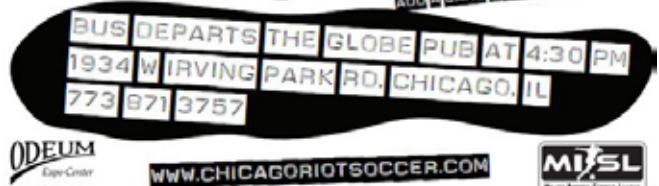
The Americans had not taken a lead and then lost since March 5, 2002, a 3-2 defeat to Norway at the Algarve Cup.

"Very, very disappointed," American midfielder Shannon Boxx said. "We don't have the excuse of a long season. We had good rest, and coming back into our first tournament we need to step it up. I think everyone knows what we need to do. It's mainly coming together as a team and the attitude that we present every game needs to be better."

In this World Cup warmup tournament, the U.S. plays Canada on Sunday and China on Tuesday.

The Americans will play Sweden at the World Cup in Germany on July 6 in their last opening-round match, after games against North Korea on June 28 and Colombia on July 2.

"Obviously, it's a pretty disappointing first game on



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the road to the World Cup," defender Christine Rampone said. "At the same time, we have to take the positives away from it. The team has a lot of work to do and we really need to start coming together, clicking and becoming one unit. We have to start that defensively. I think we are doing well individually, but we have to work as a team."

The Americans, who needed to win a pair of playoffs to qualify for the World Cup, were missing star forward Abby Wambach because of a heel injury and top goalkeeper Hope Solo, still recovering from shoulder surgery in September.

Forward Sydney Leroux entered in the 86th minute, her first match for the senior women's team.

"Our speed of play wasn't good enough," U.S. coach Pia Sundhage said. "One thing as a team that we need to get much better at is moving without the ball. This game today tells us many things that we need to work on, but I am confident that we have enough time and enough games to prepare for the World Cup. This was just the first one."

NOTES: In the second game, Canada beat China 3-2 on goals by Candace Chapman, Melissa Tancredi and Christine Sinclair. You Jia scored twice for China.

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## Chile President wants Bielsa to stay as coach

Chile President Sebastian Pinera wants Marcelo Bielsa to remain as the national team coach, a job the Argentine said two months ago he would leave when Jorge Segovia was elected head of the national football association.

Segovia's election has since been annulled, and Pinera said in an interview that Bielsa should reconsider and not leave "an unfinished project."

Chile plays a friendly on Saturday in Los Angeles against the United States.

Bielsa has not made his clear and Sergio Jadue, the new president of the national football association, has said he would try to persuade the coach to stay.

"One should never leave an unfinished project," Pinera said in a television interview. "All of Chile wants the project to have a happy ending."

Pinera has acknowledged he was given the cold shoulder by Bielsa at a reception after the team had returned last year from the World Cup in South Africa. Another source of tension between the two was Pinera's reported support for Segovia. Pinera has denied he supported Segovia.

Pinera urged Bielsa to continue coaching through this year's Copa America - the continental championship in Argentina - and the 2014 World Cup.

"I hope Bielsa stays, and if he wants to stay I am sure practically every Chilean will thank him," Pinera said.

Bielsa, Argentina's former national team coach, is very popular in Chile after guiding the team in South Africa to its best finish at a World Cup since 1962.



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## Kaka acknowledges poor form, pressure to win

Kaka admitted Friday he is struggling to find his form since recovering from injury and returning to a Real Madrid side under growing pressure to win silverware.

The Brazil playmaker has failed to make an impact since returning earlier this month from a layoff that started after the World Cup when he underwent knee surgery and rehabilitated a nagging groin problem. Kaka, who has scored once, has mostly been used as a substitute, only starting Sunday's 1-1 draw against Almeria though he was replaced early in the second half.

"I'm very self-critical and I know I'm not at my best but I'm working toward getting into better shape," Kaka said from a sponsor event Friday. "I hope to be better as soon as possible - I'm just missing some added confidence on the field."

Madrid trails Barcelona by four points in the league and is conscious of the possibility of meeting its biggest rival in the Copa del Rey final. Madrid plays Sevilla in the domestic cup semifinals, while Barcelona plays Almeria.

Madrid hasn't won any silverware in more than two seasons.

"This is the year when we cannot not triumph - we have to win something," the 28-year-old midfielder said.

Madrid coach Jose Mourinho pledged to see out the season with the Spanish league club Thursday but remained vague over his future. Kaka added further intrigue to the possibility the Portuguese coach could exit at the end of the season.

"Mou has been very clear with us - he told us: 'Today I'm your coach and we're going to fight for victory and at the end of the season we'll see what happens,'" Kaka said.

While Kaka said he expected more from himself, he also expected the same from Karim Benzema. The France striker has failed to impress since his arrival alongside Kaka in the summer of 2009 and his lack of form has kept him from seizing a starting spot while Gonzalo Higuain is missing to injury.

"I'd say that he could do a little bit more and that's what is expected, but he's a great player. You see his quality during training. He could be an important player for this club but that'll depend on himself," Kaka said.

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My name is Silvia, currently a Sophomore at Benito Juarez Community Academy. I plan on graduating from Benito Juarez and attend Boston University. I would like to focus on a Medical career so one day I'll be able to work in the Medical field with a emphasis on cardiac surgery, also I'd like to perform research in the field of virology to understand the human body's immunological resistance or lack thereof against deadly diseases. Thereafter, I plan to be a part of a team called "Doctors without Borders". Treating people all over the world that lack healthcare.

I am delighted to be a part of STARS and help students reach their goals, because I know the struggles younger students face when they lack the necessary assistance at home. I truly understand firsthand being confused in the classroom and not grasping certain concepts with no one to turn to. I don't want other students to struggle the way I did, STARS provides me with the opportunity to give them not only the help that I never had, but also the motivation to be all that they can be. Additionally, STARS provides many opportunities, for both, middle school and high school students, as well as the community.

Silvia is one of many students STARS has touched please support our initiative by investing in our future leaders thereby allowing STARS to guide and support their path to reach their academic goals.

Join us at our 1st Fundraiser of the year it will be on Saturday January 22, 2011. Come and continue supporting our students' education while enjoying tasty Italian cuisine, LIVE entertainment, and SALSA lessons. \$20 will show our students that their education is important. Please join us at 6 pm at the Ristorante Al Teatro, which is located on 1227 W. 18th Street (crossing Allport). Your donation allows our high school students to continue tutoring/mentoring middle school students, while emphasizing in the areas of math and science.

Visit our website at [www.starsproject.com](http://www.starsproject.com).

The poster features the STARS logo at the top left. To the right, the text "Yolanda Sanchez Executive Director" is printed. The main event details are in the center: "All Donations are Tax deductible", "Saturday, January 22nd", "Ristorante Al Teatro", "1227 West 18th Street (Crossing Allport)", and "Starts at 6pm". Below these, a large "\$20" is displayed with the text "Donation includes: Salsa Lessons, Live Entertainment, Italian cuisine, Wine Specials & Cash Bar". To the right, there is a "For more Info please visit us: [www.starsproject.com](http://www.starsproject.com)" link. At the bottom, there are three small images: a woman singing, a man dancing, and the "Latin dance EXPRESSIONS" logo. The bottom right corner includes the text "Design and Printed by American Campaigns Net".